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Gerardo –

I had reached out to Amy Zimpfer and Joel Jones in our Enforcement Division and Joel suggested that you may be aware of this Pismo Dunes (dust) issue. Please see attached below and let me know if you or someone on your staff may be familiar with the Pismo Dunes issue and APCD court ruling.

Joel's note to me was as follows:

Hi Brent, I'd suggest checking with Gerardo R. In Air Permitting re dust rule implementation across the state. It looks like the court case is related to the applicability of the dust regulations in the community and Gerardo's group probably reviewed this or similar permits.

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**Importance:** High

Amy/Joel –

I am working with Congresswoman Lois Capps staffer, Greg Haas, on an aquifer exemption issue, but he is telling me in the attached message below that he has another question related to **Pismo Dunes and APCD court ruling**. Do either of you know anything about this Pismo Dunes (dust) issue? I am not familiar with the APCD court ruling. **Not sure who in our office may be familiar with this to perhaps get on a conference call with me to discuss. Please let me know. Thanks.**

Found a link from April that addresses the Pismo Dunes issue:  
<http://calcoastnews.com/2016/04/friends-of-oceano-dunes-sues-the-coastal-commission/>

Found the following information on the San Luis Obispo County AQMD website:  
<http://www.slocleanair.org/library/press-releases>

#### **6-20-16:** Better Breather Alert - Blowing Dust June 20

The San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and County Public Health Department are advising the public of deteriorating air quality in the Oceano Dunes/Nipomo Mesa area due to blowing dust and sand on Tuesday, June 20, 2016. Blowing sand and dust is forecasted to occur from noon to 7 pm, with the dust forecasted to peak from 1 pm to 6 pm. Very sensitive individuals such as infants, as well as children and adults with existing respiratory or heart conditions, may experience adverse health effects during blowing dust periods.

County officials recommend that the public reschedule outdoor activities to occur when there is no visible dust. If blowing dust and sand is visible in the air, County officials recommend all adults and children avoid strenuous outdoor activity, remain indoors as

much as possible, and set any heating/air conditioning/ventilation systems to recirculation. The public is advised to consult their doctor if they are experiencing health problems in an area with blowing dust and sand. If staying indoors does not provide relief, temporarily leaving the area and going to a location where the sand is not blowing and dust is not visible, is advised.

County officials will continue to closely monitor air pollution levels throughout our region, as forecasts can change. Current air quality conditions and air quality forecasts for San Luis Obispo County are available to the public via the APCD website [slocleanair.org/air/AirForecasting\\_map3.php](http://slocleanair.org/air/AirForecasting_map3.php). The forecasted AQI is also available to the public via email. Sign up to receive the daily air quality forecast via email by visiting [slocleanair.org/air/airforecasting.php](http://slocleanair.org/air/airforecasting.php). A recorded message describing San Luis Obispo County air quality conditions is available by calling (805) 781-4390.

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**Subject:** Re: Arroyo Grande - Your Voicemail on Listening Session vs. Public Hearing

**I also have another question related to the Pismo Dunes and APCD court ruling.**

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2016, at 2:14 PM, "Maier, Brent" <[Maier.Brent@epa.gov](mailto:Maier.Brent@epa.gov)> wrote:

Greg Haas

Office of Congresswoman Lois Capps

Greg -

Thanks for your voicemail. I am checking in with my Water Division colleagues, Mike Montgomery and David Albright regarding your question as to a Listening Session vs. Public Hearing and who would be hosting and how would it work. I will pass along anything I find out. I am out of the office this afternoon, but have forwarded your voicemail to both of them and hope to hear something by the end of the day or by tomorrow morning. Thanks.

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